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SUBJECT; SSOD PLENARY DEBATE JUNE 1 - BAHRAIN,
LUXEMBOURG, PORTUGAL

1. BAHRAIN'S REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTED THE STANDARD SMALL STATE APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT: FEAR OF THE DANGERS OF THE ARMS RACE AND DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND A DESIRE TO HAVE FUNDS FREED FOR DEVELOPMENT BY LIMITING THE SCALE OF ARMS PURCHASES. IN REFERRING TO ISRAELI MILITARY ACTIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON HE REFERRED ONLY OBLIQUELY TO CLUSTER BOMBS AND MADE NO CRITICISM, EITHER IMPLIED OR DIRECT, OF THE US. HE DID DECRY THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO ISRAEL, NOTING SUCH SUPPLY WAS MADE POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH THE STOCKPILING OF WEAPONS. THE SAME MECHANISM INSURED THE SUPPLY OF ARMS FOR SOUTH AFRICA. HE ALSO EXPRESSED FEARS ABOUT ISRAELI AND SOUTH AFRICAN POTENTIAL IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD.

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2. LUXEMBOURG'S PRESIDENT THORN ATTEMPTED A BALANCED APPRAISAL OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GREAT POWERS AND OF OTHER STATES ON DISARMAMENT. HE APPORTIONED MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR STABILIZING AND HALTING DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO THE US AND USSR. IF THESE TWO CAN REACH AN ACCORD, NATIONS ON THE THRESHOLD OF

NUCLEAR WEAPONRY WOULD HAVE REASON NOT TO EXERCISE AN OPTION TO ARM THEMSELVES WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THORN REFUSED TO SEPARATE NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS FOR DISARMAMENT PURPOSES, CALLING CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS A POTENTIAL THRESHOLD TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR ARMS. HE RECOGNIZED THE NEED OF ALL STATES TO SAFEGUARD THEIR SECURITY BUT BELIEVED THIS SHOULD BE DONE THROUGH AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY SYSTEM UNDER UN AUSPICES. SUCH A FORCE COULD ACT AS A SECURITY LINK IN CASE INTERNATIONAL HOSTILITIES OCCUR. THIS POTENTIAL WOULD EXIST SIDE BY SIDE WITH NATIONAL FORCES. THE SECURITY COUNCIL THROUGH SUBCOMMITTEES CONSTITUTED UNDER ARTICLE 29 OF THE CHARTER COULD OVERSEE SUCH A FORCE. THORN CONCLUDED THAT DEVELOPED STATES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST DEVELOPMENT OF LESS FORTUNATE NATIONS. DISARMAMENT DOVETAILS WITH THIS INTEREST, SINCE IT WOULD PROVIDE A SOURCE OF FUNDS TO FINANCE DEVELOPMENT UNDERTAKINGS.

3. PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT, GENERAL EANES, PRESENTED A VERY IDEALISTIC APPRAISAL OF A DESIRABLE PATH TOWARD DISARMAMENT. HE NOTED THAT DISARMAMENT STRATEGIES WOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE EXPECTATIONS AND INTERESTS OF SMALL STATES WHO SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO HELP RESOLVE ISSUES OF VITAL INTEREST TO THEIR SECURITY AND HUMAN VALUES. HE CALLED FOR A QUALITATIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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AND QUANTITATIVE CURB ON NUCLEAR ARSENALS, IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL SUSPENSION OF ALL NUCLEAR TESTS AND THE ELIMINATION OF STOCKPILES AS THE BEST MEANS TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE NPT. HE ALSO VOICED FEAR OF THE RISKS INHERENT IN THE DISSEMINATION OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. NO STATE, ESPECIALLY IN EUROPE, SHOULD BASE ITS FULL SECURITY ON ITS NUCLEAR RESPONSE CAPACITY. EANES NOTED THAT THE PROBLEM DELAYING A TREATY BANNING CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ELIMINATING THEIR STOCKPILES IS "IN LOCO" MONITORING. HE CALLED ON STATES WHO ARE RELUCTANT TO OPEN THEIR BORDERS TO INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION TO DO SO IN ORDER TO SHOW THE COHERENCE AND SINCERITY OF THEIR LEADERS' INTENTIONS. EANES VIEWED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NIEO AS A WAY TO PRODUCE A FAVORABLE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING, AND HE NOTED THE REMARKS OTHER SPEAKERS HAD MADE THAT THE FUNDS FREED THROUGH DISARMAMENT WILL FEED DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND FUEL THE NIEO. HE CALLED FOR A REORDERING OF PRIORITIES. A DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT, THOUGH LIMITED, SHOULD NOT MEAN A HALT IN DEVELOPMENT UNDERTAKINGS. RATHER, A REDUCTION IN ARMS EXPENDITURES WILL FREE FUNDS FOR PEACEFUL USES. EANES

PRAISED THE PROCESS IN EUROPE OF SECURING ARMS CONTROL THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS ON SUCCESSIVE LEVELS. HE HOPED FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE UN'S ROLE IN ACHIEVING DISARMAMENT. EANES NOTED THAT NO STATE THAT PERPETRATES VIOLENCE ON ITS OWN CITIZENS IN VIOLATION OF STANDING INTERNATIONAL ACCORDS CAN HOPE OTHERS WILL VIEW ITS DECLARATIONS OF PEACE AS SINCERE. SMALL NATIONS DISBELIEVE THE SERIOUSNESS OF DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS ACCOMPANIED BY ACTIONS OF DESTABILIZATION AND MULTIPLICATION OF ARMS IN CERTAIN REGIONS OF THE WORLD THAT SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE PROGRESS TOWARD THE DISARMAMENT OBJECTIVES OF THE UN. EANES CONCLUDED BY CALLING

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ON THE PEOPLES OF THE VITAL STRATEGIC AREAS, MORE THAN ANY OTHERS, TO MODERNIZE AND STRENGTHEN THEIR DEFENSE CAPACITY, UNTIL A FORMAL GUARANTEE OF DISARMAMENT IS PROVIDED.
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